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1. EMBASSY TRANSMITTED POINTS MADE IN PARAS 1, 2 AND 3 OF
REFTEL TO M. BLAMEY, DIRECTOR, NO. 1 BRANCH, COMMODITY
POLICY DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE (DOT). WE
HAVE NOT RECEIVED FOLLOWING WRITTEN REPLY:

QUOTE WE FULLY AGREE THAT THE FORTHCOMING UN SUGAR CONFERENCE
SHOULD BE ORGANIZED SO AS TO ASSURE A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME.
IN LOOKING AT THE ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE CONFERENCE
WE WILL NEED TO BEAR IN MIND THE BROADER PROBLEMS OF
ORGANIZATION (I.E., COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND REPRESENTATION
ON KEY NEGOTIATING GROUPS) AS WELL AS THE WORK PROGRAMME.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO EXPLORING THESE BROADER PROBLEMS WITH
THE US IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE CONFERENCE AND AT THE
MEETING WITH JONES-PARRY AT 10 AM ON 12 SEPTEMBER.

QUOTE WITH REGARD TO THE WORK PROGRAMME, WE ALSO AGREE THAT
THE QUESTION OF THE ALLOCATION OF EXPORT QUOTAS MUST RECEIVE
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PRIORITY ATTENTION IN THE FIRST WEEK OF THE CONFERENCE.
IT IS CLEAR THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE ALREADY
HAS THIS IN MIND. IN FACT, IT WAS AGREED AT THE LONDON CON-
SULTATIONS, THAT HE SHOULD FORMULATE PROPOSALS FOR BASIC
EXPORT TONNAGES (SHARES) AND CIRCULATE THEM TO DELEGATES
IN THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF THE CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, WHILE
WE WOULD SEE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS BEING MADE ON QUOTA ALL-

LOCATIONS IN THE FIRST WEEK WE BELIEVE IT IS UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT THE QUESTION TO BE SETTLED IN THE FIRST WEEK. TIME WILL BE NEEDED FOR SOME CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN JONES-PARRY AND MAJOR PARTICIPANTS BEFORE HIS ALLOCATIONS ARE TABLED. ONCE THEY ARE TABLED MANY COUNTRIES WILL NEED TO SEEK CONSIDERED REACTIONS FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT WOULD BE UNREASONABLE TO EXPECT EXPORTERS TO ACCEPT A QUOTA ALLOCATION EXCEPT IN THE CONTEXT OF A SETTLEMENT ON OTHER ISSUES. ALL EXPORTERS AND ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO RECEIVE A QUOTA ALLOCATION WHICH IS SMALLER THAN THE EXPECT, WILL NEED TO WEIGH CAREFULLY THE PRICE AND OTHER BENEFITS OF AN AGREEMENT AGAINST THE CUT IN EXPORTS THEY WILL HAVE TO ACCEPT. IT IS ONLY WHEN THE FINAL PACKAGE HAS REACHED A FAIRLY REFINED STAGE THAT DELEGATIONS WILL BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE THE NECESSARY JUDGEMENTS ABOUT QUOTA ALLOCATIONS. HOWEVER, WE WOULD HOPE THIS STAGE WOULD BE REACHED BY THE END OF THE SECOND WEEK.

QUOTE WE ARE GLAD THE US IS PREPARING DRAFT ARTICLES ON STOCKS AND FINANCING AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE CLOSE CONTACT WHICH WE MAINTAINED WITH THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION IN GENEVA AND LONDON. UNQUOTE

2. BLAMEY'S OFFICE HAS TOLD US THAT AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION FROM CANBERRA TO GENEVA WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

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B. M. BLAMEY, DIRECTOR, NO. 1 BRANCH, COMMODITY POLICY DIVISION, DOT.
C. T. ROSBY, NO. 1 BRANCH, COMMODITY POLICY DIVISION, DOT
D. A.W. LLOYD, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, HORTICULTURAL CROP DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY.
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